THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Passenger Fare Goods Freight Regulatory Authority

†1977. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI.

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to set up any Passenger Fare Goods Freight Regulatory Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for setting up such a Regulatory Authority; and

(d) the main objectives thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) The Government decided to set up Rail Tariff Regulatory Authority to fix Rail tariffs. However, Ministry of Railways is of the view that Rail Tariff Regulatory Authority is not required and has approached the Cabinet for reconsideration of its decision.

Railway line from Kalka to Darlaghat

1978. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in laying/investigation of the Railway Line from Kalka to Darlaghat in Himachal Pradesh as provided in Railway Budget 2004-05; and "

(b) the total amount provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) A survey for construction of new rail line between Parwanoo and Darlaghat has been included in the Budget 2004-05. The survey is in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.